

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings:

1. (Currently Amended) A commodity ordering method, comprising the steps of:

storing customer information entered in advance by a user via at least one terminal of in a plurality of terminals into commodity provision means connected to said terminals ~~in advance~~;

designating a commodity provided by said commodity provision means using any one of said terminals; and

displaying the customer information on the one of said terminals by which the commodity has been designated, the customer information comprising a plurality of items, such that for at least one of the plurality of items alternative pieces of information provided by the user are displayed.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A commodity ordering method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

designating one of the alternative pieces of information as the designated customer information displayed on the terminal; and

taking an order for the commodity using the designated customer information.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A commodity ordering method according to claim 2, wherein ~~the customer information includes a plurality of items, and the~~ commodity ordering method further comprises ~~comprising~~ the steps of:

designating one of the alternative pieces of information as the designated customer information for each of the plurality of items for which alternative pieces of information are provided; and

taking the order for the commodity using the designated customer information.

4. (Original) A commodity ordering method according to claim 3, further comprising the step of displaying the customer information for each of the items on the terminal.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A commodity ordering method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of displaying ~~a plurality~~the alternative of pieces of customer information for one of the items.

7. (Currently Amended) A commodity ordering method according to claim 15, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

selecting a desired one of the alternative pieces of information; and

taking the order for the commodity using the selected information.

8. (Currently Amended) A commodity ordering method according to claim 6, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

selecting a desired one of the alternative pieces of information; and
taking the order for the commodity using the selected information.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A commodity ordering method according to claim 1, ~~wherein the customer information includes a plurality of items, and the commodity ordering method further comprising the steps of:~~

designating as one item of the designated customer information one of an alternative piece of information displayed on the terminal ~~and~~ entering a new alternative piece of customer information entered for each of the items; and
taking the order for the commodity using the designated customer information.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A commodity ordering method according to claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

storing the new alternative piece of information for the item of customer information as additional information to the customer information stored ~~in advance;~~ and
displaying the customer information including the new alternative piece of information for the item of customer information, ~~added thereto on the terminal~~ when the commodity is ordered ~~using the terminal.~~

11. (Currently Amended) TheA commodity ordering method according to claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

selecting as the designated ~~desired information from within the customer information with regard to any~~ alternative piece of information for the item, including which includes the newly added alternative piece of customer information; and
taking the order for the commodity using the selected information.

12. (Currently Amended) A commodity ordering system, comprising:

a plurality of terminals;

customer information storage means for storing customer information designated by a users who operate at one of said plurality of terminals; and

commodity provision means connected to said plurality of terminals for providing commodities information to said terminals, and for extracting, when any of the commodities is ordered from any one terminal of said plurality of terminals, the customer information corresponding to the one terminal of said plurality of terminals at said customer information storage means, and for transmitting the extracted customer information to the one terminal of said plurality of terminals;

the one terminal displaying the customer information transmitted thereto from said commodity provision means,

wherein the customer information is comprised of a plurality of items, and at least one item of said plurality of items includes alternative pieces of information provided by the user.

13. (Original) A commodity ordering system according to claim 12, wherein, when the customer information displayed on the terminal is designated, said commodity provision means takes an order for the commodity using the customer information.

14. (Original) A commodity ordering system according to claim 13, wherein the customer information includes a plurality of items, and said commodity provision means takes the order for the commodity using the customer information to accept the order for the commodity when the customer information is designated for each of the items.

15. (Original) A commodity ordering system according to claim 14, wherein said commodity provision means transmits the customer information for each of the items to the terminal, and the terminal displays the customer information transmitted thereto from said commodity provision means for each of the items.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A commodity ordering system according to claim 16, wherein said commodity provision means takes the order using desired information selected from among the alternative pieces of information.

19. (Currently Amended) A commodity ordering system according to claim 17, wherein said commodity provision means takes the order using desired information selected from among the alternative pieces of information.

20. (Currently Amended) A commodity ordering system according to claim 12, wherein ~~the commodity information includes a plurality of items, and~~ said commodity provision means takes the order for the commodity using, when the customer information displayed on the terminal is designated or new customer information is entered to the terminal for each of the items, the designated or entered customer information.

21. (Original) A commodity ordering system according to claim 20, wherein said commodity provision means stores the new customer information as additional information into said customer information storage means and displays, when any of the commodities is ordered at the terminal, the customer information including the new customer information added thereto on the terminal.

22. (Original) A commodity ordering system according to claim 21, wherein said commodity provision means takes the order using, for any item for which the new customer information is additionally stored, desired information selected from within the customer information.

23. (Original) A commodity ordering system according to claim 12, further comprising commodity information storage means for string information regarding the commodities provided from said commodity provision means.

24. (Original) A backup means for use with a commodity ordering system according to claim 12, wherein said backup means stores the customer information stored in said customer information storage means.

25. (Original) A backup means for use with a commodity ordering system according to claim 23, wherein said backup means stores the information stored in said commodity information storage means.

26. (Currently Amended) A selling system possessed by a company, or an organization or the like which provides commodities in response to orders at a plurality of terminals ~~for taking the order for the commodity~~, when any of the commodities is ordered at any of said terminals, using customer information designated by a user who operates the terminal, comprising:

a commodity provision module configured to cause display means for causing, when the commodity is ordered at the terminal, of the customer information to ~~be displayed on the terminal,~~

wherein the customer information is comprised of a plurality of items, and at least one item of said plurality of items includes alternative pieces of information provided by the user.

27. (Original) A selling system according to claim 26, wherein said selling system takes the order for the commodity, when the customer information displayed on the terminal is designated, using the customer information.

28. (Currently Amended) A selling system according to claim 27, wherein ~~the customer information includes a plurality of items, and~~ when the customer information is designated for each of the items, said selling system takes the order for the commodity using the customer information.

29. (Currently Amended) A selling system according to claim 28, wherein said selling system causes the customer information to be displayed for each of the items on the terminal.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A selling system according to claim 27, wherein ~~the customer information includes a plurality of items, and~~ when the customer

information displayed on the terminal is designated or new customer information is entered to the terminal for each of the items, said selling system takes the order for the commodity using the designated or entered customer information.

35. (Original) A selling system according to claim 34, wherein said selling system stores the new customer information as additional information to the customer information stored in advance and causes, when any of the commodities is ordered at the terminal, the customer information including the newly added customer information to be displayed on the terminal.

36. (Original) A selling system according to claim 35, wherein said selling system takes the order, for any item for which the new customer information is additionally stored, using desired information selected from within the customer information.

37. (Original) A backup means having a function of a selling system according to claim 26 and storing information stored in said selling system.